

14 MOTHERS ARRIVE ON FRIDAY

V-E Exercises Draw Thousands On Reservation

BY CORP. G. SCHULTZ
Several thousand Fort Benning military and civilian personnel joined in commemorative exercises to herald V-E Day Tuesday in different areas of the Post.

Modeled as services of Thanksgiving, the exercises featured remarks by the various commanding officers, prayers by chaplains and mass singing.

At the largest single service,

'Beetle' Smith Once Instructed At TIS

Lt. General Walter B. (Beetle) Smith, representative of General Dwight D. Eisenhower who signed the German surrender terms for the United Nations, was a member of the faculty of the Infantry School at Fort Benning before he was given the general staff assignment in 1940.

Following his return from a tour of duty at Fort McKinley, in the Philippine Islands, General Smith (then colonel) served as an instructor in The Infantry School. He left Fort Benning in 1939 to become assistant secretary of the War Department General Staff and a year later was appointed Secretary of the General Staff to succeed Brig. Gen. Orlando Ward.

Some 10,000 Army Service Forces and Second Army military personnel and several hundred civilians participated in the exercises at Doughboy Stadium at 4:45 p.m. (EWT). Brig. Gen. William H. Hodson, the Post commander, read General Eisenhower's Proclamation and spoke briefly on the significance of V-E Day.

4 TIS SERVICES

Four different exercises, in various parts of the Post, were held at the Infantry School last night at 7:00 p.m. An exercise was staged at School Troops court, Main Post, Gordon Field School, Maj. Gen. Brewer Bowl, Harmony Church.

The programs at each included the playing of "The Ballad of Roger Young" which pays tribute to the Doughboy.

At each of these services, a message by the Commandant of the Infantry School, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, was read.

WALKER'S STATEMENT

General Walker, commanding general of the 38th Division in Italy, observed that the war in the school, observed "If Germany were our only enemy, the day could be devoted to unrestrained festivity. However, we must remember that this date marks only the end of one war and the acceleration of the pace of another."

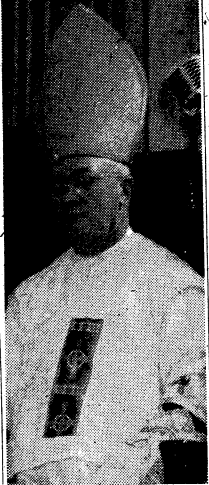
As rapidly as possible every enemy of our nation used to defeat the Nazis will be turned against Imperial Japan. The Army will be devoted to reeducation and training in preparation for the all-out assault on our Asiatic enemy. Every ounce of effort applied to our jobs will help save American lives in the Pacific."

LAWSON OBSERVANCE

Lawson Field marked the observance by an exercise Tuesday morning when Col. John E. Albert, the base commander, asked the military and civilian personnel of the base to give "Thankfulness with reservation."

Pointing out the urgency of the demands of war in the Pacific, Col. Albert said he must react against hesitating in their work. He said: "I am sure you will agree."

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BISHOP O'HARA ... coming here Sunday

Bishop O'Hara Will Celebrate Stadium Mass

Catholic personnel of Fort Benning who have been attending missions on the post this week, will arrive at the post Saturday to officiate at the Pontifical Mass. Several thousands are expected to attend.

The Bishop conducted a similar Pontifical Mass last Fall in Gowdy Field at the conclusion of a Mission conducted on the post last September.

Confirmation will also be given by Bishop O'Hara at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Main Post Catholic Chapel. Capt. Matthew J. Connelly, acting post Catholic chaplain, has announced.

The Pontifical High Mass will be said this year on a day that will be long remembered, for not only will it be Mothers' Day, but as a consequence of the triumph of V-E Day, Sunday will be set aside as a Day of Prayer for the nation.

Three services daily have been the schedule of the Redeemptorist Mission Fathers since their arrival on the post last week-end. Headed by Father Turner, who led a similar mission group on (Continued on Page 10)

WD Point System Announced Today

The War Department announced at noon today a system by which it will choose the troops to be given discharge charges now that the war in Europe is ended. Tuesday night, the WD said that the system, based on points for longevity, dependents and the like, would be announced simultaneously to the troops themselves and to the public.

Unfortunately, the Bayonet went to press before news of the system was received at Fort Benning. However, a complete story on the point system will be carried in next week's Bayonet.

Downed Jap Zero While Piloting C-47 Transport

A 24-year-old pilot who received the D.F.C. five times, once for downing a Zero while piloting a C-47, finds his present job of training paratroopers for flight training at Lawson Field, very tiring indeed.

Any combat pilot will tell you that bringing down a Zero without firing a shot is not easy. For Capt. Charles B. Lawton, 811th Parachute Flight pilot, training food missions to General Merrill's Marauders.

Lt. Lawton went to the CBI in January, 1942, served six months in China and a year in India. His squadron was a unit of the 14th Air Force, and he flew the freight with only 10 per cent of the available planes in the area."

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, who visited the outfit spoke of it on his return from China: "I found a squadron of the TCC doing an outstanding job of transporting men, equipment, and material over the hump."

Capt. Lawton bagged his Zero fighter in North Burma in December, 1943.

The official report on the exploit is full of dime novel thrills. Lawton piloted one of eight transports sent to drop food to the British. Six P-51s and P-38s, the enemy drove out of the sun, through the escort, and a Zero attacked the number three ship in the formation.

Lawton saw the Zero and was able to take evasive action. He dived from 4,000 feet to tree-top level, pushing his throttles forward.

After the dive the pilot ordered his crew to jettison the plane's (Continued on Page 10)

Mother's Day-1945

How vain I should be if I even thought, I could find the words to say, What a Mother means throughout the years, But especially today.

Poets have tried since time began, To extol Her countless praises, But Her love could not find expression, In mere flowery words and phrases.

How could words tell what war has meant, To Her from dawn till set of sun, As She went about Her daily tasks, Which were always cheerfully done, Sharing all our hopes and dreams, Advising us in our plans, And though we often differed with her, We know She understands.

Above all others She is the one, Who is sacrificing most in this war, And too, She best of anyone, Knows what the fight is for. Each little white cross in Africa, Is deeply remembered in prayer, Each rifle-marked hillock on two, Is part of a Mother somewhere.

Each name in the "Missing in Action" column, Is agony and hope for Her too, Who just a few short years ago, Helped to tie his baby shoe. The eyes which used to watch him, Scrub behind his ears, Now spend many a sleepless night, On a pillow wet with tears.

There is a wonderful pact made clearer, By the fighting on land and on foam, It takes many to make a household, Only one, a Mother, the home.

So today let us lift up our hearts in prayer, Hearts filled with gratitude and love, That God will shower down untold grace, And blessings on Her from above.

—By SGT. PAUL F. CUNNINGHAM

7th War Loan Campaign Gets Under Way Monday

The Seventh War Loan Drive among military personnel at Fort Benning will start Monday, Capt. Thomas M. Robinson, post war bond officer, has announced. In the meantime, the drive among civilian employees, under way since April 1, will be continued, with \$136,000 still to be raised by cash purchases and additional pay reservations, Captain Robinson said.

Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, addressed approximately 3,000 post civilian employees in a four bond rally, making a personal appeal for support of the drive. The effect of the meetings was immediately felt in increased purchases, Capt. Robinson said.

Negro Mothers Will Be Feted

By SGT. N. H. BRONNER
Two visiting mothers and mothers of soldiers on the Post are in for a grand reception to be given in the Reception Center at Service Club No. 4, Friday night from 8:30 to 10 p.m. following the special dinner to be given the lucky mothers at 6:30 p.m. at the Service Club.

Of the 14 lucky soldiers and WACs at Fort Benning the two colored mothers selected to attend the gala three-day Mothers' Day program at the Post from May 11 through May 13 are: Mrs. Atha Williams, P. O. Box 104, Warsaw, N. C., mother of Private First Class Chester C. Williams, Company A, Service Battalion, 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, and Mrs. Viola Lee, 535 Evans Avenue, McKeesport, Pa., mother of Sgt. Bernice Lee, WAC Detachment, Section II, Station Complement, located in the Reception Center.

The dinner, Friday night for the mothers, She is assisted by the several other hostesses on the Post.

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Gala Program Planned For Mother's Day

BY SGT. CARL NEU
As official guests of Fort Benning, fourteen lucky Mothers will arrive at the Post Friday afternoon for a gala, three-day Mothers' Day program.

Designed to pay tribute to the Mothers of all soldiers and WACs at Fort Benning, the program brings Mothers from twelve different states, all expenses paid by the Post.

A highlight of the annual program will be a tour of the Post so the mothers and their soldiers or WAC-daughters can observe the same service rendered to them at home. A wide selection of flowers are generally available in all regions for Mothers' Day, the PX announces, but get your order in today!

Mother's Day Flowers Can Be Wired From PX

Flowers for Mother's Day may be telegraphed home through the Post Exchange change it was announced today as facilities for the special service were arranged.

The PX Telegraph Delivery of Flowers is the same service rendered to them at home. A wide selection of flowers are generally available in all regions for Mothers' Day, the PX announces, but get your order in today!

The week-end will be climaxed on Sunday when the mothers will participate in church services in the different areas of the Post. At these services the mothers will salute the mothers of the 14 lucky Fort Benning soldiers and WACs.

The arriving in Columbus by train, the mothers will be met at the Columbus Railroad Station by their sons or daughters. An official Army sedan will be available for each mother. The convey of vehicles will then proceed out to the Post. Friday night the mothers will be feted at special dinners in their honor. After the tour of the Post Saturday, the mothers will have "free time" the rest of the day. During the afternoon, the soldiers and their mothers will have a chance for reunions.

THREE-YEARS OLD
Fort Benning's novel Mothers' Day program was instituted three years ago. During that time some 48 mothers have come to the Post from practically every state in the country.

Arranged by the Post Public Relations Office, the names of the lucky mothers are selected by chance. Organizations draw lots to determine who the fortunate guests will be.

One additional mother has been added to the guest list since the original selection. She is Mrs. Lida Colfer, 3123 West Congress Street, Chicago, Ill., the mother of Cpl. Edward J. Colfer, Squadron 4, 11th Base AAF Unit, Lawson Field.

Chaplain Paul C. Buckles, the Post chaplain, and Chaplain Frederick W. Keller, the assistant post chaplain, are coordinating arrangements for the program. Miss Mary Farmer, senior hostess at Service Club No. 1, will arrange the dinner, Friday night for the mothers. She is assisted by the several other hostesses on the Post.

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Salute To The WAC!

Next Monday, May 14, the Women's Army Corps will celebrate its third anniversary. In observance of this occasion, the Bayonet dedicates this issue to the nation's womanhood who left the hearth to serve in the armed services. Three pages of this issue are devoted entirely to the activities of members of the corps at America's Most Complete Army Post. No more fitting tribute could be paid to Fort Benning's five WAC units than the following statement by Col. Ovea Culp Hobby, director of the corps, which was sent exclusively to the Bayonet from Washington.

"Monday (May 14) marks the third anniversary of the Corps. It is more than the end of the third year. It is the beginning of the fourth. For the three years just passed, I am grateful to you. You have built the Corps to its present strength, strength in numbers and service."

"Three years is a scant span of time, yet in those three years the Women's Army Corps has reached its maturity. Three years ago the idea of women in the Army was a startling innovation. Today the Women's Army Corps is an essential integral part of the Army."

"The transition from startling innovation to integral part was not as simple as it sounds. It was trying and experimental and fraught with the off-repeated statement there is no precedent for it. But that is in the past."

"It is the year to come that I wish to speak of. I know that many times war-weariness settles down upon you as an ominous cloud. I know that there is among you a great nostalgia for the ways of peace and the hearth of home. I know because these experiences were shared once."

"As you begin the fourth year, I would remind you that you have discovered the true role of womanhood in your day—Service."

"We have served together to preserve individual rights, the basis of all liberty. We possess a weapon unknown to the powers of evil, our faith in the capacities of man, our determination to give not only what we have, but what we are to keep our people free. We have bought the beginning, the past three years dearly. We salute the beginning of the Fourth with a mutual endeavor to shine the sword of faith."

"The Parachute School at the Post marked V-E Day by the reading of the President's proclamation of formations of all organizations. The Parachute School area were open for religious services."

Lawson Field marked the observance by an exercise Tuesday morning when Col. John E. Albert, the base commander, asked the military and civilian personnel of the base to give "Thankfulness with reservation."

Pointing out the urgency of the demands of war in the Pacific, Col. Albert said he must react against hesitating in their work. He said: "I am sure you will agree."

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German PWs At Post Hear Surrender News Stoically With Mixed Emotion

With mixed emotions—a combination of glad relief and stoicism—German Prisoners of War interned at Fort Benning assembled in the compound Tuesday to listen to a broadcast announcing the capitulation of the German Armed Forces.

Col. George M. Chescheir, PW Camp commander, read the PW Camp to all the German Prisoners of War who had been hastily returned to the compound from work at the Post. The camp is located in the area of the Post, near the main entrance.

"All organized resistance of the German Armed Forces has ceased," the National Socialist Government of Germany no longer exists," Colonel Chescheir informed the PWs.

"The Allied Occupying authorities exercise all power in Germany and members of the German Armed Forces are released from any obligation entered into with a government which no longer exists."

"As prisoners of war you will continue to be subject to American laws and regulations and must obey the orders of persons placed over you," Colonel Chescheir declared. "Correctly and conduct is expected of you at all times."

The prisoners of war were dispatched on regular work project schedules starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday night.

In describing the reaction of the German PWs to the news of Germany's fall, Colonel Chescheir said that the piecemeal capitulation of elements of the German Army during the past 10 days had evidently tempered their reaction to the final announcement.

"Capitulation of the German Reich caused no change in the normal duties of the prisoners in so far as the PWs were concerned, Colonel Chescheir declared. The PWs have had access to news facilities and have kept abreast of the impending doom of the Wehrmacht."

"The matter of bidding time until the final surrender."

"All of the Prisoners of War appeared eager to return to their work projects and the normal schedule was resumed immediately," the colonel said.

Soldiers who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, with the exception of regular Army officers, will be discharged from service upon request, the War Department announced this week. The action affects 82 winners of the nation's highest award who are now serving in the Army.

Medal of Honor Winners Will Be Discharged Soon

TIS Bond Shows Units On Way To Premieres

The first of 28 groups of combat Infantrymen who will demonstrate Infantry weapons and tactics and promote the sale of War Bonds in the 7th War Loan Left Infantry School Monday for the west coast. Other units have been departing all week in time for 28 simultaneous premieres of "Here's Your Infantry" in as many cities on May 14, opening date of the drive.

More than 1,000 veterans of overseas action have been training at the Infantry School for the past several weeks. The show, which features an Infantry attack on a Japanese pillbox, was written by Capt. Thomas W. Phlips, radio officer of The Infantry School former movie and screen writer. It is presented by Army Ground Forces in cooperation with the War Finance Division of the Treasury Department.

SENT NEAR HOME

The men in the show were returned back to the United States after two or more years in service overseas and others returned due to injuries. As nearly as possible, they are being sent with units which will play in their home states. Each unit will present approximately 20 performances during the drive, which runs from May 14 to June 30. In some cities, they will give several shows, but generally the units will play one-night stands. Travel will be by military conveyance from an Army post in the vicinity of the unit's itinerary.

The total time the men of "Here's Your Infantry" served overseas amounts to 2,315 years and five months—more than two years per man. They earned more than 1,000 decorations and awards for heroism in combat, including two Medals of Honor, the highest award for bravery. These are held by Tech. Sgts. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Homer Leo Wise of Baton Rouge, La.

1975 BATTLE STARS

Battle stars won by the Infantrymen number 1,973, the majority of them for battles against the Japanese, since the Japanese number of the men in the show were returned from that theatre of operations. Ribbons for aiding in the liberation of the Philippines are worn by 213 of the men.

Other interesting statistics are: Distinguished Service Cross, three; Legion of Merit, three; Silver Star, 36; two of them with Oak Leaf Clusters; Bronze Star Medal, 35; two Oak Leaf Clusters; Combat Infantryman Badge, 1; Purple Heart, 193; with 32 Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Distinguished Unit Badge and Navy Presidential Unit Citation, one each.

BUFFALO PREMIERE
The show's principal opening will be in Buffalo, N. Y., where Treasury Secretary Henry Mor-

genthau and General Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Infantry School, will inaugurate the Seventh War Loan, another special ceremony, by the attendance of Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commander of The Infantry School. General Walker is a native of Fairfield County, Ohio.

Premiere performances will be at Biddford, Me., Boston, Mass., Buffalo, Albany, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., Newark, N. J., Washington, D. C., Gastonia, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., Marion, Ill., Louisville, Ky., Etahula, Ala., Milwaukee, Wis., Davenport, Iowa, Ardmore, Okla., Fargo, N. D., Denver, Colo., Little Lake City, Utah, Wichita Falls, Tex., Orange, Tex., Alameda, Calif., Carlsbad, N. M., Portsmouth, N. H., Evansville, Ind., and Baltimore, Md.

5th Company Supply Room Is Homelike

"I think I'll come up here more often—it's homelike," said Capt. Cedric N. Tallis of his Fifth Company supply room in Infantry Training Detachment No. 2.

With a goal of operational efficiency coupled with the atmosphere of a living room, S-GT Joseph J. Takara and Sgt. Kenneth A. Prentiss began early in March to develop the Fifth Company supply room. The "dream-house" took shape after they procured beaver board for walls to cover the sides of the attic of the current, where all supply rooms of ITD No. 2 are located.

After the walls were erected the men decided to paint them white. They solved the paint problem by buying their own. Next came a blue and white plaided carpet which they obtained when the day room carpet was discarded in favor of a pool table.

EXTRA FIXTURES

Extra fixtures besides desks and a filing cabinet in the supply room include table lamps and other convenient office gadgets, pictures to the taste of soldiers and office expeditors purchased at the men's own expense.

From the front room doors lead to the "Army" of the linen store, and the workshop and storeroom for surplus equipment in the rear.

The neat and efficient supply room which appears among the best in School Troops, is visited frequently by soldiers and officers of other units and is the subject of favorable comment by visitors.

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Alan Ladd - Gail Russell in "SALTY O'ROURKE"

Sunday Night — 9:00 P.M.
BOND PREMIERE

Wednesday—Thursday
Tallulah Bankhead - Chas. Coburn in "ROYAL SCANDAL"

RIALTO SATURDAY

Bill Elliott in "SHERIFF OF CIMARRON"

Sunday—Monday
John Wayne - Ella Raines in "TALL IN THE SADDLE"

Tuesday—Wednesday
Joyce Reynolds - Chas. Ruggles in "THREE'S A FAMILY"

Thursday—Friday
Anne Baxter - Fred Bellamy in "GUEST IN THE HOUSE"

ROYAL FRIDAY SATURDAY

Corie Sue Collins in "YOUTH ON TRIAL"

Sunday—Monday
Gary Cooper - Ingrid Bergman in "FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS"

Tuesday—Wednesday
Vera Hilda Reistman in "LAKE PLACID SERENADE"

Andrew Sisters in "HER LUCKY NIGHT"

SPRINGER SATURDAY

Buster Crabbe in "WILD HORSE PHANTOM"

Joyce Reynolds - Robt. Hutton in "JANIE"

Tuesday—Wednesday
Ann Sothern - John Hodiak in "MAISIE GOES TO RENO"

Thursday—Friday
Arthur Lake - Dale Evans in "BIG SHOW OFF"

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4,500 Pounds Of Clothing Donated Here

Collecting more than 4,500 pounds of usable clothing during the month-long campaign at Fort Benning to relieve destitute war-torn civilians, the Quartermaster Corps has received a large haul of clothing and other necessities from the people of Europe and the Far East, the post personnel's contributions were packed into 77 large cartons and hauled to Columbus, N. Y., until war clouds assembled in 1917 and again he donned the uniform.

Success of the drive prompted Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, to issue a statement thanking all military and civilian personnel who contributed discarded clothing to the post collection.

Fire houses on the post acted as central deposit points following the door-to-door canvass on the initial day of the campaign on March 31.

The clothing was turned in to the post Salvage Yards where women under the direction of Captain Arthur C. Stern, Jr., segregated the clothing into approximate age groups, and packed it in large cardboard containers.

Army's Cooking Experience Nets Two Job Offers

"I never realized how valuable my Army cooking experience was until I went home on furlough," says WAC Cpl. Nellie Christopher of Salem, O.

"Two very good positions were offered to me—one to run a tea-Exon and the other to go into partnership with a restaurant owner after the war. At one time I couldn't have considered myself qualified to the taste of soldiers and office expeditors purchased at the men's own expense.

From the front room doors lead to the "Army" of the linen store, and the workshop and storeroom for surplus equipment in the rear.

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Retires After Long Career As Army Bandman, Continues Work At Post

Master Sergeant Earl W. Crandall retired from the Army recently after 27 and a half years service—but he didn't leave the service at Fort Benning. He started work the next morning at post headquarters as a civilian storekeeper.

Serving as a bandman, Sergeant Crandall first enlisted in the Army in 1912 and "put in" a hitch at Fort Robinson, Neb. Civilian life got the better of the sergeant and he worked around his home at Sherburne, N. Y., until war clouds assembled in 1917 and again he donned the uniform.

Fifteen months overseas in France was added to his records and when he returned to the States he again entered band work at Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont. Sgt. Crandall well remembers playing concerts on the ice of Lake Champlain several times in below-zero weather.

Following a round of assignments with various cavalry bands and working for the Quartermaster Corps, Sgt. Crandall shipped to the Panama Canal Zone in 1923 and organized bands at two installations. He returned to this country in 1928 at Fort Meade, Md., and again entered band work, staying at the post 12 years.

ORGANIZED BAND
Transferred to Fort Benning in 1940, Sgt. Crandall organized the 67th Band of the Second Armored "Hell-on-Wheels" Division, and stayed with the outfit until 1942.

Since that time he has been supervisor of five QM warehouses, earning commendations from several generals and his commanding officer.

Promotions from buck private in the first World War came along fairly rapidly in the past few years and reached his goal of master sergeant three years ago.

'May Breakfast' Attended By 200
Two hundred members and guests of the Fort Benning Women's Club assembled at Main Post Officers' Club for the traditional "May Breakfast" Monday noon. Reports of officers were read and Mrs. Walter B. Farris, outgoing president introduced Mrs. Charles Chamberlain, incoming president. Guest speaker of the occasion was Mrs. Fred Walker, expert from Davidson's in Atlanta.

MASS OF FLOWERS
Tables arranged in the main foyer of the Officers' Club were a mass of white blossoms from the native wild hydrangeas beautifully arranged by members of the Garages Garden under the direction of Mrs. Thornton Chase assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Brown and Mrs. William Stormes, co-chairmen.

Each place was marked with a mass of vari-colored spring flowers, lending a festive note to the over-all picture.

The meeting was opened with the National anthem played by the Parachute School Band under the direction of Sgt. Norman Fromm and Mrs. Farris made the welcoming address and introduced Mrs. George Burrus of the Columbus Federation of Women's Clubs, who has missed a "May Breakfast" in 22 years.

ANNUAL REPORTS
Mrs. R. O. Phillips, treasurer, gave her report and Mrs. John P. Egerly read the annual report for the Nursery School. Mrs. Francis Heraty, program chairman, presented Mrs. Farris and her executive board for their outstanding work during the past year and mentioned the difficulties executive work caused by "fluctuating committees". She conveyed the regrets of Mrs. Fred Walker, honorary president who was unable to attend the luncheon being absent from the post.

Mrs. Farris thanked her co-workers for their splendid cooperation and presented the new officers for 1945-46 who are: Mrs. Chamberlain, president; Mrs. Floyd Galloway, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Robert Ives, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. George Van Horn Moseley, Secretary; Mrs. Charles Gibbs, Treasurer; Mrs. Henry Farris, Recording Secretary and Mrs. Chauncey Dovel, Auditor.

First Lieutenant Chester Mulder, chaplain of the 19th Ordnance Battalion, Second Army unit stationed in the Sand Hill area, has been promoted to the rank of captain. It was announced today by Lt. Powell Whitfield, adjutant of the 178th.

Chaplain Mulder, as chaplain of chapel No. 3, is in charge of the religious activities of all Second Army troops stationed in the Sand Hill area, including both the 178th and its attached companies, plus other Second Army units attached to Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, and located in the Sand Hill area.

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Maj. Neil Maxey Again Adjutant Of Second Army

Major Neil R. Maxey has been appointed Adjutant General of Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, succeeding Lt. Col. Arthur H. Black, who has transferred elsewhere. It was announced today by Col. John B. Smith, Commanding Officer.

The job is no new one to Major Maxey. He activated the Detachment as Adjutant in July of 1942 and continued in that capacity for twenty-seven months, until Col. Black was transferred to Fort Benning and Fourth Headquarters in early February. Since that time Major Maxey has served as Assistant Adjutant General and Personnel Officer for the Detachment.

EX-PROFESSOR
Major Maxey was a member of the undergraduate faculty of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., before entering the service.

While at Georgetown he taught psychology and biology. Commissioned in June of 1937, he entered active duty in May of 1941, serving with the 57th Quartermaster Regiment at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, as Commanding Officer, and later as Battalion Adjutant of the 53rd Quartermaster Regiment, Heavy Maintenance, at Fort Benning. In July of 1942 he activated Fourth Headquarters.

He is a member of the Central Post Fund Committee, Athletic Committee, Post Fish and Game Commission and the Special Services Council.

the program were Pvt. Harry Rice, tenor, and Sgt. John Fields, pianist, both members of an Air Cargo Resupply Squadron at Lawson Field.

SPECIAL DUTY
He served in the personnel office of the 1st Student Training Regiment before her assignment to academic Regiment headquarters. Early this year she was ordered to Washington, D. C., as a member of special duty with the Information and Education Division, Army Service Forces.

Corporal Hutchinson played four years of varsity basketball at William and Mary, captaining the 1938-39 team, and earned 12 varsity letters at Army. He is a member of the Army Air Forces High School. Her brother, Lt. B. R. Hutchinson, is serving in Italy.

Lawson Sergeant Relates Exploits Of Bong, Wagner
Major Richard Bong, America's Ace of Aces, and the late Lt. Col. "Buzzy" Wagner, only flyer to down an enemy airplane while flying upside down, were subjects of St. Sgt. Thomas A. Hooper's discourse of the Army Air Forces' famed 49th Fighter Group last Thursday night on the Lawson Field Air Show.

Introduced by Sgt. Fred Smith, announcer of the AAF broadcast, Sgt. Hooper, who is now assigned to the First Troop Carrier Command base here, related his 18 months combat duty in the South Pacific with Major Bong and Col. Wagner in the fighter 49th. One of the first AAF groups to go into action in this war, the 49th Fighter Group is credited with destroying over 600 enemy aircraft.

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'Second Army Shorts' Popular Radio Series

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Back in July of 1944, Sgt. H. W. Moore, then Special Services NCO for Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, conceived the idea of a 10-minute broadcast once a week, over the "Fort Benning on the Air" series of quarter-hour shows being broadcast each weekday night at 6 p. m., to be devoted to Second Army.

REMINGTON ASSISTS
With the assistance of "Sgt. Owen Remington of the Post Public Relations Office, under whose direction "Fort Benning on the Air" as well as most other Fort Benning radio shows are produced, after a few minutes of news by Sgt. Carl Neu of Post Public Relations, the announcer said "Special Music by Special Troops" and on August 4, 1944, the first Second Army show took to the air. Colonel Ernest E. Tabbutt, then Commanding Officer of Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, made a short introductory speech, and then the program featured the songs of Jack Ramsey, of the 60th S. R. I. Company.

"Special Music by Special Troops" continued throughout the summer and the autumn. From time to time, various Second Army units assumed responsibility for productions, and under Sgt. Moore's direction, a variety of musical programs emanated from Second Army each Thursday night, carrying Fourth Headquarters greetings to the listening audience of Columbus and Fort Benning.

The 188th QM Battalion's chorus gave a sterling demonstration of blended harmony. The Army Dance Band gave concerts for several broadcasts. Singers, bands, quartets, actors, all appeared before the microphone in a steady procession of Second Army broadcasts.

COURTNEY HONORED
One week Col. Richard W. Courtney, then commanding officer of Fourth Headquarters and Lt. Col. Arthur H. Black, adjutant general, presented awards to members of the Columbus-city-champion Second Army Deuces basketball team over the air. Interviews with enlisted men with interesting civilian backgrounds or with exciting experiences overseas during the war, occasional programs of music.

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Nos. 4 & 5: PILLOW TO POST with Ida Lupino & Sydney Greenstreet.
No. 7: SALOME—WHERE SHE DANCED with David Bruce & Yvonne DeCarlo.
No. 10: GENTLE ANNIE with Marjorie Main & James Craig.
No. 11: THE AFFAIRS OF SUSAN with Joan Fontaine & George Brent.

FRIDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: THE VALLEY OF DECISION with Greer Garson & Lionel Barrymore.
Nos. 2 & 3: COUNTER-ATTACK with Paul Muni & Marguerite Chapman.
Nos. 4 & 5: PILLOW TO POST with Ida Lupino & Sydney Greenstreet.
No. 7: HOLLYWOOD AND VINE with James Ellison & Wanda McKay.
No. 10: THE SCARLET CLUE with Sidney Toler & Mantan Moreland.
No. 11: SALOME—WHERE SHE DANCED with David Bruce & Yvonne DeCarlo.

SATURDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: THE BODY SNATCHER with Boris Karloff & Bela Lugosi.
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Nos. 1 & 8: CONFLICT with Humphrey Bogart & Alexis Smith.
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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: TARZAN AND THE AMAZONS with Johnny Weissmuller & Brenda Joyce.
Nos. 2 & 3: CONFLICT with Humphrey Bogart & Alexis Smith.
Nos. 4 & 5: THE VALLEY OF DECISION with Greer Garson & Lionel Barrymore.
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WEDNESDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: COLONEL BLIMP with Anton Walbrook & Robert Livesey.
Nos. 2 & 3: CONFLICT with Humphrey Bogart & Alexis Smith.
Nos. 4 & 5: THE BODY SNATCHER with Boris Karloff & Bela Lugosi.
No. 7: THE VALLEY OF DECISION with Greer Garson & Lionel Barrymore.
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Nineteen Promoted In 387th Ordnance

Nineteen promotions, ranging from Master Sergeant to T-5, were announced today for personnel of the 387th Ordnance MM. Company by Lt. Powell Whitfield, Adjutant of the 179th Ordnance Battalion. T-Sgt. Albert F. Drake was raised to the Master Sergeant level, and S-Sgt. Frank Wypa was made Technical Sergeant. Sgt. Louis G. Klein joined the first-three-grader level by making Staff Sergeant, as did T-4 Paul Kralick, who made T-5. Twelve T-5s were raised to the T-4 rank. They include Walter T. Allison, Carl H. Blomquist, Clyde E. Carter, Frank H. Ferguson, Carl T. Gee, Warren E. Nerbs, John Potenik, James W. Roberts, David S. Robinson, Jr.,

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26TH DANCE BAND
Add the super-scintillating music of one of the finest bands on the post, W. O. M-R Pountmatt and his 26th Dance Band, and you have the recipe for a good old fashioned Southern-Fried, made the way you like it, rootin' tootin' Minstrel Show.

It's all under the direction of Cpl. Tommy Wells, Pvt. Pat Whitver and Staff Sgt. Bill Leggate of the special Service Office. The production staff includes Mary Farmer as technical director, Ross Koffman on scenery, Isaac Whitson lighting, Margaret Luttrell on costumes, Joe McCleish on properties, and Charles Meador on make-up.

Remember the dates! May 17 and May 18.
Remember the Place! Doughboy Stadium, at 8:30 p. m.
Will it be terrific? "Sho Nuff!"
"Now young man," said the Trial Judge Advocate at a court martial, "You know that under legal procedure you are presumed to be innocent."
"Yes, sir, but why all this effort to convict me?"

334th ASF Band Kept Very Busy

Enjoyed by a large audience, the popular Reception Center Band rendered a special-concert of classic, semi-classic, and popular music at the Army-Navy YMCA-USO in Columbus last Sunday.

Accompanied by the band, the concert was highlighted by instrumental solos performed by Pfc. Marcus Callender, baritone, and Pfc. Fred Taylor on the clarinet.

Though the band extends many of its fine musical programs out to Columbus, a variety of programs are presented weekly here on the Post.

Many outfits enjoy this well balanced musical menu weekly at Benning each Monday, 6:45 p. m. to 7:45 p. m. (EWT), concert, Regional Hospital; each 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. (EWT), concert, Service Club No. 4; each Thursday, 6:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. (EWT), concert, Flagpole in Reception Center; each Thursday, 9:00 p. m. to 12:00 p. m. (EWT), dance, Service Club No. 4; each Saturday, 6:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. (EWT), other than concert, Reception Center Grill (Beer Garden). The band is frequently engaged to play various drill ceremonies, parades, and shipment formations of soldiers leaving the Post. Warrant Officer Isaiah Johnson is bandleader, and T-Sgt. Alton Davenport is assistant bandleader.

2nd Army Promotes Seven Enlisted Men

Promotions of seven enlisted men to fill existing vacancies were announced today by Major Neil R. Maxey, adjutant general of Fourth Headquarters, and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army. T-4 Harry Berchenko of Atlanta, Ga., was promoted to staff sergeant, and T-4 stripes went to T-5 Robert W. Eckel, of Chicago, Ill., and T-5 Robert E. Love, of Columbus, Ohio. Pfc. George M. Wood, of Los Angeles, California, and Pfc. Milton L. Kohn, of Chicago, Ill., were made T-5s. From Pvt. to Pfc. went Wilson J. Smith, of Washington, D. C., and Hector E. Strack of New York City.

New USO Revue Plays Hospital

"Swingtime Follies," a caravan of fun currently touring the USO-Camp Show's hospital circuit, will play at Fort Benning's ASF Regional Hospital over the weekend. The musical revue will be at the Red Cross Rec Hall on the main post Saturday night at 7:00 p. m., and at the Harmony Church unit on Monday night at the same time. The cast of "Swingtime Follies" is headed by Ben McAtee, a very funny canteen who recently played the post in the larger Victory Unit show. "Perk Up." Others are Sally Mucillo, an accordionist and trumpeter; Harry Bardell, who defies the laws of gravity with his juggling; Ginger Harmon, the gal with the voice like warm perfume; and Tony Marks, the "master of deception" who does unbelievable sleight of hand tricks.

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"SECOND ARMY SHORTS" Major Henry C. Varnum, S-3 Officer for Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, shown being interviewed over Station WRBL by the Second Army announcer, Corp. Louis D. Rubin, Jr., in last week's edition of the weekly Second Army radio show which is broadcast each Thursday at 6:00 p. m. (Signal Lab Photo)

Gass Paintings At 11th St. USO

Water-color impressions of the Allied effort to supply China by air, and portraits of Allied soldiers and Indian natives, painted by Cpl. Alan Gass of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, will be exhibited at the 11th street USO this weekend. Miss Mabel Boles, USO staff assistant, has announced.

The exhibit will be open to all soldiers, their families and friends, from 2 p. m. Saturday, May 12, until 11 p. m. Sunday, May 13. Corporal Gass, who served 30 months in the China-Burma-India theater, will give a brief informal "gallery talk" about his paintings at the regular Sunday evening supper, which starts at 6:30 EWT.

SCENES IN INDIA
Included in the display will be scenes of an Allied airfield in India, depicting a ground crew at work, Indian soldiers guarding a plane, and the pilot ready to take off for China. Highlights among the portrait subjects are a British

Persian Gulf Vets On WRBL Tonight

Non-commissioned officers of the 3410th Ordnance Company, Second Army, will be interviewed tonight over station WRBL at 6:00 o'clock when "Second Army Shorts" is presented. "Second Army Shorts" is a feature program about Second Army, its men and its mission, will present the fourth in its consecutive weekly series, in which Cpl. Louis D. Rubin, Jr., of Fourth Headquarters, will interview 1st Sgt. Carmont Bliss, M-Sgt. Roy Phillips, and T-3 James M. Barr, who will tell about the problems of Ordnance maintenance in the Persian Gulf Theater, from where they recently returned to the United States.

The shortage of girdles will show everyone what shape this country really is in. A captain, who escaped from Singapore, and an Indian tea-plucker. Corporal Gass' works have recently been exhibited at the 3rd Avenue USO and at the Fort Benning Garrison library. The soldier-artist was engaged as a designer and mural-painter at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry before the war.

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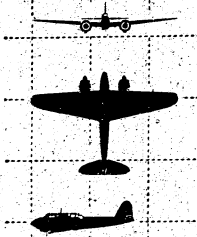
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"When an Infantryman is only a few yards from the enemy, and especially when that enemy is filling those few yards with hunks of lead aimed at him, the Doughboy doesn't think much about anything except 'kill or be killed.' I was lucky. I had a lot of weapons handy, and I killed a lot of Germans, and they never even touched me. But not all our infantrymen have been so lucky. Their weapons have been smashed, and they've been smashed, too. It's an expensive business. I've had plenty of time to think things over since I left Italy. Now I can look at the war from a somewhat broader point of view. For instance, take war bonds. I never thought about them much overseas—didn't have time. But now I know all about them. I'm buying them, not only because I want to continue to do my part, but also because, as a married man, I don't know of any better investment I can make for a sound financial future. War bonds help to buy the Doughboy's weapons and equipment. They help to pay for the training he has to have to be what the record shows he is—the greatest fighting man in the world."

TECH. SGT. CHARLES E. (COMMANDO) KELLY,
Holder of Medal of Honor

V-E Day Still Mere Beginning Of Struggle For Lasting Peace

"V-E" Day, long heralded and expected, known to be inevitable, has come. It brought little in the way of wild rejoicing in the Army and in most civilian centers.

There was, in its arrival, one sound reason for real rejoicing. The fact that, with final cessation of hostilities in Europe, we who are far from the front could know and realize that no more men are dying there, was ample to justify thanksgiving.

It means much to those whose loved ones are "somewhere in Germany" to know that husbands, brothers, sons are safe, at least for a time. We can breathe a sigh of relief.

There is nothing strange in the realization now that the sun seems a little brighter, the grass a little greener, and hope a little stronger, because the killing on one front is ended. Doubtless those men over whose heads bullets were whistling but a day or two ago have a stranger, stronger feeling than we, here, can know.

All this should bring thanksgiving, not celebration. We have poured out millions of dollars and thousands of lives into a bottomless pit, from which there will be no return. Each city, town and hamlet has its families who have suffered a loss that nothing can erase—not even Peace.

The cessation of hostilities does not mean that we have achieved a Peace. The lessons of Versailles and World War I were poorly scanned, indeed, if we think that.

We have before us now, not only a beaten enemy, with whom we should know how to deal, but a continent torn and desecrated beyond anything our times have known, most of which

cannot be treated as enemy territory and must, in common humanity, be preserved. We face a reconstruction task, monumental beyond anything for which we have a precedent, and in which we cannot escape a large share.

Worst of all, we must face the knowledge that, had we been wiser long ago, a small percentage of the lives, time, energy, money, and hardships which already have been expended and which still must be expended before we foot the bill of past delinquency, could have been saved. Small wonder that our justified rejoicing at "V-E" day is tempered with sorrow.

Now, with our armed victory in Europe complete, we stand that much nearer the threshold of a new world which we must shape. Even though a stern and bitter struggle still faces us in the Far East, yet it is time to turn serious and sober attention to the great task of remoulding a world in which all the freedoms to which mankind has struggled shall have the place that is due them.

We have thrown every resource that we own into the battle for the sake of victory. We have examined every possible idea and scheme brought forward, no matter how wild it seemed, which might make that victory possible. Some of them have worked.

Now we stand upon a spot where we are about to throw into the struggle for a lasting peace not only all our own resources, present and future, but the very futures of our children, possibly for generations to come. It still is worthwhile to examine every idea brought forward.

That is why "V-E" Day was an occasion for thanksgiving—not celebration!

They Are These United States!

Secretary of War Stimson paid a special tribute to the American Doughboy recently at a news conference when he announced that Tech. Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, of Lucedale, Miss., had become the one hundredth Infantryman to win the Congressional Medal of Honor in this war.

Mr. Stimson also pointed out that fifty of these gallant Infantrymen had sacrificed their lives on the altar of freedom inasmuch as that number of the Medal of Honor presentations were made posthumously. He said they represented young men of all creeds and from all stations of life.

"These 100 men are more than just a number," Mr. Stimson said in his tribute. "They are Kelly, Martinez, Bianchi, Sedowski, Tomlinson, and Baker. They are Weirather, Fournier, Lopez, Thompson, Bjorklund, and Smith. They are these United States."

And in those last five words of Mr. Stimson's statement lies the keynote of this war's successes—the Infantrymen are truly these United States!

Honorable Discharge Emblem

There have been many new emblems and insignia lately, and among them you may have seen the honorable discharge emblem recently adopted by the War Department for wear on the uniform of all military personnel who are discharged or separated from the service under honorable conditions. This emblem will be worn as a badge of honor indicative of honest and faithful service while a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States during World War II, and will be issued in addition to the paper button.

It is a cloth device of the same design as the Honorable Service Lapel Button, with the basic design embroidered in gold color, and the background material varying to match the color of the uniform on which it is to be worn.

At the time of honorable discharge or separation from the service, this emblem will be

sewed on the right breast of all the outer clothing, centered immediately above the pocket, or in that approximate position if the outer garment has no breast pocket. Any decoration, badge, or other insignia authorized to be worn in this designated position will be worn immediately above the uppermost part of this emblem.

Emblems will be issued to qualified personnel during processing and prior to actual discharge or release from the service. Any individual who is qualified but did not receive the emblem prior to discharge may obtain it at the nearest post, camp, or station by presenting evidence of honorable discharge or separation from the service.

Further details can be found in Circular No. 454, WD, 1944. Your personal affairs officer will be glad to help you with any questions about obtaining this emblem.

Our Motives Are Dynamics Of Peace!

Do you know what is going on in San Francisco? A survey showed that two thirds of our people either had no idea or the wrong idea. The rest guessed rightly that the Conference has nothing to do with peace terms, war criminals or boundaries. It is only trying to set up some sort of world organization—a new, more acceptable, more practical league of nations. A workable mechanism for peace.

But what a mechanism produces and where it takes you depends on who and what drives it. Will the new machine be used wisely? Or, as before in history, will it be used for selfish ends? The motives which drive men and through them, nations—these are the important things. San Francisco may set up a satisfactory peace mechanism. But where and how can we work out the real dynamics of peace?

Some countries have hurried to declare war on the Axis in order to be invited to the San Francisco Conference. But what nation has hurried to declare war on selfishness to find the

inner unity that can give it moral authority at the Conference?

A Safety Council is proposed, made up of the strong nations, to deal with future aggressors. But what higher moral authority can these strong nations turn to if they themselves become aggressive or disunited?

That is where we come in. Big plans take many small people to carry them out. OUR motives ARE the dynamics of peace. If we have the will to unite our nation will be united. That will to unity will come if we check our own selfish motives and let God speak to each of us in our own hearts. Then ours will be a sound nation in the Safety Council. A nation which, united within, can speak with authority at the Conference of United Nations. A nation which, in an age of force, is governed by the Superforce of an all-powerful God. A nation which thus answers the old question: "Who is going to police the policeman?" A nation which has not only the mechanism but the motives which make peace.

A SALUTE to the WACS!



Chaplain's Corner..
A LETTER OF COMMENDATION
By Chap. Peter E. Spehr

A letter of commendation is a soul satisfying experience. Human nature being what it is, one of the things that man likes best is the recognition of his services. It is a source of pleasure to look around at the end of the day like God during the creation and feel within oneself that "it is good." But that pleasure doesn't begin to compare to the soul satisfying gratification of the same words spoken by some one else.

Perhaps the basis of that feeling is the worm of a doubt within even the most extroverted of individuals that our work might not be as perfect as we see it. We know we cannot help but be prejudiced in our own favor, so any other viewpoint is valuable for perspective.

There should be more letters of commendation written. Not simply for the sake of writing them, but on a schedule of giving some praise every day, but where a really commendable piece of work is turned out, we should not hold back our recognition from shyness about expressing praise, nor yet from callousness with excellent work, a sort of over-discriminating taste.

There used to be a city in this country that every traveling troupe of actors approached with foreboding. The audiences were cold and dead. An act had to be outstanding to get any sort of hand. Yet I have heard a crowd in that town as enthusiastic over a good performance as any audience ever was. The act is they were over-discriminating in their tastes. That made it hard for an actor to do his best work knowing that he would receive no applause unless he was better than average.

Procrastination is the most common reason why most of us do not praise good work when we see it. We simply reason, "One of these days I'll tell him how much I appreciate what he means to me," and then some day the inevitable happens and we express our appreciation in a beautiful wreath or spray laid on his tomb, if he doesn't turn the tables on us.

The only excuse for a "Mother's Day" lies in this frailty of human nature. Every day should be "Mother's Day" as long as we have her with us. We should daily express our thanks for the gift of life and the nurture of our youth. Very few people do this, hence the value of a special day set aside to give us a reason for shaking ourselves loose from our apathy and overcoming our shyness and setting a deadline against our procrastination.

There is still a little time left before "Mother's Day." Write that letter of commendation today. She needs it and deserves it, and you owe it to her.

At intersections, Look each way, A hard sound nice, But it's hard to play.

Song of the week, sung by soldier who has just gotten halcyon: "I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT."

Another reason men don't like it overseas: It's not only long time between beers, but a long time between dears.

The BOOK Shelf

BY CORP. LOUIS D. RUBIN, JR.

A number of highly entertaining books have been written on the "good old days" of the newspaper profession, and "Give Us A Little Smile, Baby," by Harry J. Coleman, provides still more legend man, and levity for connoisseurs of that sort of thing.

The book, published several years ago by E. P. Dutton, is available at the Post Library, and readers would do well to read it. At one time or another most of us have been intrigued by the glamour of it is the newspaper game. Harry Coleman was right in on the fun.

Coleman started out with the old New York Journal, a Hearst paper, in the 90's, and after several years in New York went out to San Francisco and the Examiner, the exploits of whose staff still are legendary among newspapermen. He got in on the big things out in Frisco.

Frisco was a mecca for such activity in the 1900's, and the 10's. Wine, women, and wondrous happenings came in never ending procession. Civil strife, disaster, vice, variety, they all were rampant in San Francisco, and the Examiner, being a Hearst paper made it a point to tell us about those things.

The Barbary Coast is nationally famous for its wilderness, and, as any San Francisco citizen will tell you, it ain't what it used to be before the First World War. The major part of Coleman's book is devoted to the period when it was.

You'll read about the big fire and the hectic days following that. You'll read about Tex Rickard's first boxing promotional attempt, at Goldpoint, Nevada. There'll be Professor Montgomery's experience in heavier-than-air flight. And, that Barbary Coast! The Municipal Crib, the Thalia, Bartlett Alley, Big Bertha... quite a time they had out there!

Harry Coleman was a photographer, and evidently a good one, too. He doesn't do so badly with the typewriter, either. The book is well-written, descriptions are colorful and still factual. You get the "feel" of it all, you seem to live those wide-open, exciting days when the wire services didn't provide the complete news coverage that they do now and a scoop was still a scoop.

If you like to read about the old newspaper days, you'll enjoy this book very much. And, as far as we're concerned, there's not a more engaging subject extant!

"Well," said the commander of the smoke generating company, "I guess that covers everything."

Plenty of barracks brains have probably already said it, but we think it time to observe that those Nazi Ratzies have finally found their cheesy outfit eaten into the Rhine.

1st Sgt's prayer, on retiring at night: "Forgive me, Lord. I didn't do a cussed thing today."

"I hear that when Germany is defeated many GI's there will be sent direct to fight the Japs, like a bunch of grocery-men."

"Whaddya mean, grocery-men?"
"Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company."

G.I. WIFE

WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT ALLOWANCES. SHE SAYS: "I have been receiving \$37.00 family allowance from my son. I recently went to work and I do not need the money for my actual living expenses. Will it be all right for me to deposit the family allowance check in the bank in my son's account, or buy war bonds for him with this money?"

ANSWER: "No. You should immediately report the fact that you are self-supporting to the Office of Dependency Benefits, Newark, N. J. To be eligible for a family allowance, you must actually be dependent on the soldier for a part or all of your support. Failure to do this may make you liable for a severe fine and imprisonment."

A PRIVATE INQUIRES: "I'm interested in the new G. I. War Bond, costing \$7.50. That seems to be about my class. Where can I find out about it?"

ANSWER: "The new G. I. Bond at \$7.50 seems to be made to order for you and hundreds of your fellow soldiers whose funds are hoarded. It is a special Series E bond, worth \$100.00 at the end of ten years. You may purchase by Class B allotment of pay, one-time pay deduction, or for cash. Only military personnel, both enlisted and commissioned, can buy these bonds, but you may name a civilian as co-owner or beneficiary. See your War Bond Officer or minute man who

will fill out application for you."

A SOLDIER'S WIFE CONFIDES: "I'm expecting a baby in the near future, and I have made arrangements for the government to pay my doctor and hospital, under the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program. I understand that my baby can receive free care for its first year. Did the application blank I filled out take care of this, too?"

ANSWER: "No. The application you submitted was for prenatal, confinement, and postnatal care for yourself only. After the birth of your child, you should contact your local County Health Department, which will advise you of the benefits provided under the program in your state and supply you with the necessary application blank."

THE WIFE OF A DISCHARGED SOLDIER WANTS TO KNOW: "Is a veteran with a 'Blue' discharge entitled to mustering-out pay?"

ANSWER: "No, he is not entitled to mustering-out pay, as a 'Blue' discharge is a discharge with no honor. To be eligible for mustering-out pay, it is required that a soldier be discharged, or relieved from active duty, under honorable conditions."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Address all questions to "GI Wife, Public Relations Office, Post Headquarters, Fort Benning," and they will be answered promptly in this column.)

This Kwikid World

Pvt. G. I. GRIPE...

Sgt. Sol Nodel is one of the greatest American illustrators—he's never failed to win a competition when he entered a hunk of art. So everybody figured that when he entered a canvas entitled "Four Freedoms," done in style of medieval illuminators, in the recent army art contest, he'd have his work sent on to Washington for sure.

But weeks went by. No word came from Atlanta concerning the art piece. Judges announced the winners from the South Service Command area—and nothing by Nodel in it.

The other day the good sarge was in Atlanta, stopped at High Museum to pass time of day, and got into conversation with one of the judges.

"You had a remarkable piece of art in the contest," the judge complimented Sarge Nodel.

"But whatever became of it?" queried the puzzled soldier-artist or should he be artist-soldier.

"Why, you see, we couldn't decide what it was," said the judge. "It was entered in painting, but somebody thought it ought to be in the water color group. Then somebody else thought it should be in the rendering group; somebody else thought it belonged with

design and then it was shifted to the drawing group. Since nobody could figure out what group it should come under, we couldn't give it a prize in any group."

Puzzled Sgt. Nodel then learned that his artistic endeavor was considered so good it was placed on display for a week at the High Museum. He's consoling himself that at least he didn't lose a contest—even if he didn't win it!

Pvt. Joe M. Sapperstein, Motor Pool detachment of TIS is wondering whether he gets a medal or anything. Seems he and a couple of other soldiers were crossing a bridge to Phenix City—or maybe they were coming back—the other night when they heard a loud splash. Discovered a gal had leaped over the bridge. Rushed to the bank, swam in and pulled her out and revived her. But never did find out her name!

There's a corporal—name unknown, apparently—at the PoW camp who spent about 60 days in the hospital, going in for what he thought was a bad stomach. Finally diagnosed as foot trouble, Tap Goodenough plams!

Two fishermen were arguing about their mathematical ability. Finally a bystander proposed the following problem as a test: If a fishing crew caught 500 pounds of cod and sold the catch for six cents a pound, how much would they receive?

They figured and figured, but neither seemed able to arrive at an answer. Finally one asked to the bystander repeated. "Wait a minute, there," said the first fisherman. "Is it codfish they caught?"

"Yep."

"No wonder I couldn't get an answer. Here I been figurin on salmon all the time."

The fact that our present-day girls are live wires shouldn't seem strange to the previous generation. They carry practically no insulation.

Pvt. "She has quite a large repertoire, hasn't she?"

Pfc. "Yeah, and that dress makes it look worse."

Pretty sales girl: "Could I interest you in a bathing costume, sir?"

"I had to take a shower and I had to wash these fatigues, so I'm carrying on combined operations."

Bob Kuntz, School Troops, Was Star College Golfer

"Don't expect too much," warned Bob Kuntz, former first flight collegiate golfer before testing off Sunday in the qualifying round of Fort Benning's Seventh War Loan Golf Tournament. Hailed as one of the foremost in the field of more than 100 competitors, Kuntz was Metropolitan Junior Golf Champion in New York, and captain of Yale University golf team which won the National Intercollegiate championship in 1942. He has competed with many of the nation's top ranking golfers, and has appeared in exhibitions.

Col. Moore Leads Early Qualifiers In Tourney

Col. John S. Moore, commanding officer of ITD No. 2, paced the early qualifiers in the 7th War Loan Golf Tournament last Sunday by posting a 76 at the Officers' Club Course. About 30 of the expected 100 entries turned in scores Sunday.

The remaining entries are expected to play their qualifying rounds this Sunday.

With veterans such as Horton Smith and Jimmy Thompson, Kuntz and Jimmy Thompson. But the toughest match he ever played in during his career was in the quarterfinals of the National Intercollegiate in 1942.

"Billy Wilson of Notre Dame was my opponent," he recalled. "It was a match play. We were playing on even terms up to the 17th. Wilson won that hole with a birdie and was one up on me as we went to the last hole. I tied the game up with a birdie of my own and we had to play another hole to decide the match. I won it with another birdie."

72-STROKE AVERAGE
Kuntz, who is dubious about his chances in the officers' club tournament, said that his best golfing year was 1942 when shooting on various 18-hole courses, he averaged 72 strokes for 150 holes. He holds the difficult Bonnie Briar Country Club (Larchmont, N. Y.) record at 67.

In the same year in New York City, he won the Hamilton Memorial Tournament by shooting the 36-hole medal play in 147, breaking the tournament record.

One of Kuntz' first records, made when he was 17, was a score of 31 strokes to break the 9-hole record of the Bonnet Brook course. In breaking the record he scored five birdies and four pars.

SHOT HOLE-IN-ONE
He made one hole-in-one in his career.

In college, Kuntz was president of the National Collegiate Golf Association and chairman of the



BOB KUNTZ, ex-college golfer

Graham Debuts On One-Hitter

Frank Graham, a husky right-hander, made his first appearance in The Infantry School League a winning one when he hurled one hit ball to pitch the Troopers to a 3-2 win over the 3d STR Rifles Monday night at Gowdy Field.

The Troopers combined two singles and a sacrifice for a run in the first inning, and the Rifles came back to even the count in the fourth, and went ahead with another tally in the seventh.

A two-run outburst in the eighth gave the Troopers, the tying and winning runs.

ROGERS DOUBLES
Getting back to Graham, he hurled hitless ball for six innings. "Sluggo" Rogers spoiled his dreams of a no-hitter with a double down the first base line in the last of the seventh.

Fielding gems were provided by Larry Clement and Tony Macely, the rival second sackers.

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Munger Pitches As Rifles Win
With George Munger, former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher, fanning 13 and scattering three hits, the 3d STR Rifles downed the Academic Regt. Profs, 5-0, Friday night at Gowdy Field.

Jim Shirley's single chased two runs over in the first inning, and the Rifles went on to add single tallies in the third, fifth and sixth games.

Munger was in complete control all the way, allowing but two balls to be hit out of the infield. Halford got a single in the fourth for the Profs' first hit. Bekel, Rogers, Shirley and Dolphus each got two hits.

The summary: **R H E**
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Intercollegiate Affairs Committee. He was recently named a member of the council of the Intercollegiate Affairs Committee for 1945.

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TIS Race Tightens As Busy Week Looms

Former Detroit Pro Gridder Named To Doughboy Staff

Prof, Troopers Push Vets For League Lead

Eleven games are on The Infantry School baseball schedule for the coming week. The busy program opens tomorrow night with the School Troops Vets meeting the 3d PTR Reds on the School Troops Field at 6 p.m., and the 1st Student Training Regiment Wolves meeting the Columbus Foxes on Gowdy Field at 7:30.

387th Ordnance Leads 2d Army Softball League

The 387th Ordnance MM. Company took first place in the Second Army Softball League last week by administering a neat 7-0 trouncing to the 379th Qm. Bn. The company's team, as the league rolled into its fifth week of play, the Ordnance and Quartermasters were tied for first spot with two victories and no defeats, but the splendid pitching of Kerbs, 387th right-hander, plus the hitting of almost the entire 387th team, combined to drop the Quartermasters down to second place. They'll have plenty of opportunity to regain the top, however, as the league continues play throughout the summer.

KERBS HURLS
Kerbs let the 379th down with three scattered singles, and then crossed the plate. Meanwhile, Big Jim Earp, heavy-hitting Ordnance catcher, smacked out a double in the first inning, went third on the next pitch, and then scored when left-fielder Kirk of the Quartermasters overthrew home plate. In the second inning, the 379th blew up and six successive hits, one walk, and one error gave the 387th 6 more runs. The game was scoreless for the rest of the way, but the damage was done, and the final was 387th 7, 379th 0.

GOOD NEWS FOR GOLF FANS
Five million balls are due to be released from the first of next month, so you duffers can start slicing them into the rough again. The balls will be released from the Synthetic Rubber, the type which cannot be used in tires. Fifteen of the big league ball clubs have agreed to supply G.I.'s with plenty of free tickets this season, and the passes may be obtained at local U.S.O.'s, Y.M.C.A.'s, and Servicemen's Centers. But the Brooklyn Dodgers have not yet adopted this policy. Now we know why this club is called "The Bums".... Last Saturday was the date set for the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, and despite the racing ban, it was run. Turf, however, were substituted for horses, the unique contest being staged on the historic course as part of a Service Fund drive.... Since the tracks may be allowed to reopen this summer, it is possible that a derby will be held at a later date, and scores of the country's leading three-year-olds are in training. Bred in Kentucky, ready to gallop for fame and the \$75,000 purse.... Babe Ruth, one of baseball's immortals, has made his debut as a wrestling referee. This writer is indeed sorry to see the Babe engaged in such a sordid sport as wrestling, and-groan racket. The home-run king is mighty; he is not a faker and does not fit in with the phonies. What is the matter with the major league magnates anyway? Why don't they snap out of it and give him a prominent spot in the National Pastime, for which he did so much?.... Lord Byron Nelson, who won eight tournaments and \$20,000 on golf's winter circuit, is training in Jersey for his forthcoming world championship match play bout with Sam Snead in New York.... When a dentist takes the afternoon off to play golf, he is still filling 18 cavities.

FOXES TOPPLE 3d PTR REDS
The Columbus Foxes chalked up their first league win when they edged the Third PTR Reds, 3-2, Friday night at Golden Park. John Wright, Foxes' first baseman, chased the winning run over the plate in the last of the seventh with a long single off the right field fence.

The Reds scored first, getting a single tally in the third, and added another in the sixth. The Foxes evened the count with two runs in the last of the sixth, and pushed over the winning tally with one down in the seventh. The game was marred by eight errors.

The summary: **R H E**
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3d PTR 0 0 1 1 0 0-0 3 7
Batteries: Corley and Carter, Timco, Maddox and Edmunson, Sitkowitz.

A game originally scheduled for Sunday at Golden Park, has been moved into Gowdy Field Saturday night at 7:30 and will pit the Parachute School against the Columbus Foxes.

DOUBLE BILL, SUNDAY
The first Sunday double-header is carded for Gowdy Field when the 3d STR Rifles and the 3d PTR Reds will make up for a rained out game. The first game, a nine-inning affair, will start at 1:30. The second, a seven-inning tilt, will start at 3:30.

George Munger, the big-right-hander, owned by the St. Louis Cardinals will work one of the Sunday games. Munger in his first league appearance fanned 13 and gave but three hits.

RACE TIGHTENED
At this writing the league has started to tighten up a bit. The Academic Profs and Parachute School are both pressing the School Troops for the league lead. Phenix City is in fourth place, and the Columbus Foxes are pressing the Tigers. The 3d PTR Reds and 1st STR Wolves are both finding the going hard. Neither has scored a win at this writing.

THE SCHEDULE
FRIDAY-School Troops vs. 3d PTR Reds, School Troops Field, 6 EWT.
FRIDAY-1st STR Wolves vs. Columbus Foxes, Gowdy Field, 7:30.
SATURDAY-Parachute School vs. Columbus Foxes, Gowdy Field, 7:30.
SUNDAY-3d STR vs. 3d PTR, Gowdy Field, 1:30 and 3:30.
SUNDAY-Phenix City vs. School Troops, Idle Hour Park, 2:30 EWT.
SUNDAY-1st STR vs. Academic Regt., Gowdy Field, 7:30.
MONDAY-Academic Regt. vs. Phenix City, Gowdy Field, 7:30.
WEDNESDAY-3d PTR Reds vs. Acad. Regt., Gowdy Field, 7:30.
WEDNESDAY-Parachute School vs. 3d STR, Golden Park, 6 EWT.
WEDNESDAY-Phenix City vs. 1st STR, Idle Hour Park, 6 EWT.

ESTENIK HOMERS AS SNIPERS HALT REDS
Pounding out ten hits including a home-run by Kyle Estenik, second baseman, the newly-organized Banner Kaye team of Columbus by a score of 26-1 last Friday on Watson Field. Pennuts Davis added much fun to the game by switching over and playing with the Banners during the last two innings.

A former tobacco auctioneer reported on board the other day with the rate of LS-MFT-1c.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.-(ALNS)-A new golf course hazard was discovered at the Tripoli Country Club here, involving a 40-mile wind squall from off Lake Michigan, three miles away. Following the storm, large numbers of small fish dotted the course.



EDDIE BENCINA slams two-run homer

Bencina Pounds Homer As Wilkins Halts Vets, 3-1

With Dewey Wilkins fanning 12 and scattering four hits, the Academic Regiment Profs downed the School Troops Vets, 3-1, Sunday at Todd Field. The defeat snapped the Vets' five game winning streak, and was their first league setback.

Eddie Bencina, hard-hitting outfielder, sent the Profs out front in the first inning with a tremendous home-run smash with Pat Hallford on base.

GEEKOSKI TRIPLES
The Vets scored their lone tally in the second when Gil Geekoski tripled and scored on an error at the plate.

Stan Zaslav made a clean steal of home in the last half of the second to tally the Profs' final run.

George Bender went the route for the losers and gave up eight hits. **R H E**
Acad. Regt. 210 000 000-3 8 2
School Troops 010 000 000-1 4 2

The summary: **R H E**
Parachute School 010 000 600-7 6 2
Columbus Foxes 000 000 000-0 4 4
The batteries: Keese, Lusack and O'Krutney; Gilbert and Carter, McQuirter and Riddle.

A jeep is a cocktail shaker with three speeds.

Henry "Hank" Goodman, former Detroit Lions' and University of West Virginia football star, has been added to the coaching staff of the Fort Benning Doughboys football team, according to an announcement made today. Goodman has already joined the coaching staff, and has been assigned as end coach.

As the squad entered its second week of practice, Coach Archie Milano and his aides have been experimenting with both the T and single wing formations.

EXPERIMENTAL BACKFIELD
At present, a backfield composed of Johnny Borka, former University of Kansas star; Russ Craft, one time University of Alabama ace; Russ Norman, ex-Temple University backfielder, and Dick McPhee, the great plunging back from the University of Georgia, has been working as a unit, simply to give Milano an idea of what his formations look like.

Several other promising backs have been worked into the combination. Meanwhile, the linemen have been going through several rugged sessions, and Milano and his assistants are prepared to start some heavy work within the next few days.

JOE WIDE OPEN
Milano has reiterated that the team is wide open to any soldier on the post, and all are welcome to try out. Practice sessions are being held daily at Doughboy Stadium.

POOL HOURS
At the present time, the pool is open from 6:00 p. m. till 8:30 p. m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night, 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. and 6:00 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. every Saturday, and on Sunday from 9:30 a. m. till 12:00 midday, 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m., and 6:00 p. m. until 8:30 p. m.

S-Sgt. Linton Duncan, of the 387th Ordnance MM. Company, is chief life guard and under him are T-4 Alfred Duxell of the 387th T-5 Charles Osterlind of the 379th Qm. Bn. Company, and T-4 Irving H. Sheff and T-5 Irving Giebar, of the 533rd Signal Depot Company.

Captain Saunders is still looking for some more life guards and locker room attendants, and he requests personnel located in Sand Hill to get in touch with him.

Corley and Dusel shared the mound work for the Foxes. The summary: **Columbus Foxes** 010 000 600-7 6 2
1st STR Wolves 010 000 000-4 7 4
Batteries: Corley and Dusel and Timco, Parquis, Andrade, Armstrong and Monner and Giran.

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assembling pistols

Women's Army Corps Celebrating Third Anniversary

HERE ARE YOUR WACS (An Editorial)

The approach of the third anniversary of the Women's Army Corps presents another opportunity to attempt to answer one of the great unanswered questions of this war about the Corps. Who are the WACS?

This is not intended to be a perfect answer, it is only an honest effort to capture the impressions of soldiers in daily contact with WACS. We believe that if these soldiers could speak from their hearts this is what they would say:

The WACS are 100,000 American women serving in the Army who sometimes feel they are only serving the Army. They are the women we knew at home, the girl next door, the wife, sweetheart, sister, mother. They are the wives of soldiers, sailors and marines.

They are the school teachers, the stenographers, the career "girls" the professionals, the show girls—they are all the women America has bred. They were not selected. They are all healthy women with a spark of patriotism, a flare for adventure, a spirit of pioneering, a hatred of war, a love for a man they want back home.

They "hup, two, three four" in cadence and answer the inane questions "Why did you join the WAC?" and "Do you like the Army?" in 100,000 different ways.

They were successful women in civilian life with self-confidence, poise and personality. They blended into the Army picture with women who had lived unnoticed until they donned the uniform of their country at war. Some of them had never had much to do with men until they met the thousands of lonely soldiers who told them they belonged at home, but begged for just one chance to take them to a G. I. show.

They have either been in the service almost three years or are perhaps just learning their first assignment.

Some of them have died—victims of the same explosive powder that has killed their husbands and lovers. Those who have gone on will lead the ghosts of the unknown soldiers to haunt the men who dare to steer the trend of events toward war again in our generation.

The WACS know the principles set up in the Atlantic Charter and the proposals of Dumbarton Oaks to carry out those principles. And they are following the reports from San Francisco, thoughtfully and hopefully.

They know the grimness of men learning to fight against their will. They will be the Women's Army Corps of Peace tomorrow!

15,000 Of 100,000 WACs Serving Overseas; Others Doing Many Jobs At 400 Army Posts

The women's Army Corps will celebrate its third anniversary on Monday, 14 May, at which time it will have nearly 100,000 members, with more than 15,000 women overseas in foreign countries.

Those not overseas are serving at more than 400 Army installations in the United States scattered from coast to coast and from the Canadian to the Mexican borders. They are doing thousands of jobs at Army posts, air bases, hospitals, ports of embarkation and debarkation and headquarters of the various commands.

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Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Post Commander.

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Chronological History (Women's Army Corps)

May 14, 1942—Congress approves Public Law 554, creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The Bill had been introduced by Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers, of Massachusetts, who since has been referred to as Mother of the Women's Army Corps.

May 14, 1942—President Roosevelt signs the bill.

May 16, 1942—Oveta Culp Hobby, of Houston, Texas, is sworn in as Director, with relative rank of Colonel.

July 20, 1942—440 Officer Candidates and 330 enlisted women begin training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

October 26, 1942—President Roosevelt approves the Pay Bill amendment, equalizing the rate of pay for women with that of men in the Army and establishing commissioned and enlisted grades for women comparable to that of men.

November 2, 1942—First officer candidate class made up entirely of enlisted women begins training at Fort Des Moines. (Since this date all members have come in through the ranks.)

November 20, 1942—Five women officers arrive in England, assigned to General Eisenhower's staff.

December 28, 1942—Same five officers torpedoed en route to North Africa to serve with Allied Headquarters.

January 27, 1943—First contingent of enlisted women arrives at Allied Headquarters at Algiers, the first to serve outside the Continental limits of the United States.

July 1, 1943—Public Law 110, making the Women's Army Corps a component of the Army of the United States, rather than an auxiliary, is signed by the President.

July 7, 1943—Service medal is authorized for wear by women who were in the WAC and changed over to the Army under the WAC.

July 20, 1943—Large contingent arrives in England for duty with 8th Air Force.

October 15, 1943—Vanguard consisting of one officer and two sergeants arrives in India for duty with China-Burma-India headquarters.

November 15, 1943—First detachment arrives in Italy. (Some of these women had also been in Africa with MATOUSA.)

December 28, 1943—First detachment arrives at Cairo, Egypt, for duty with headquarters United States Army Forces in the Middle East.

January 28, 1944—Four officers arrive in New Caledonia, the first in the Pacific area.

March 15, 1944—Five officers arrive in Australia, forerunner to several large WAC contingents.

March 17, 1944—First detachments arrive in Hawaii.

May 16, 1944—First detachments arrive in New Guinea.

June 2, 1944—First detachment arrives in Labrador.

July 16, 1944—Large contingent goes to Normandy, later to Paris, France.

September 13, 1944—Air Transport Command detachment arrives at Casablanca, North Africa.

September 26, 1944—First ATC detachment arrives at Accra, African Gold Coast.

October 16, 1944—Detachment arrives at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory of Canada.

November 19, 1944—Two officers arrive in Chungking, China, the first in that area.

November 26, 1944—Vanguard arrives on Leyte, Philippine Islands.

January 1, 1945—Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, Director, is awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, for the soundness of basic plans and policies, now reflected in the high standards of conduct and discipline, the efficiency and devotion to duty exhibited by members of the Women's Army Corps, both overseas and in the United States.

January 2, 1945—First members of an ATC WAC detachment arrive for duty in Bermuda.



VETERAN OF 400 SOLDIER SHOWS — WAC S. Sgt. Alta Riffle has a full-time Army job as secretary to Lt. Col. John J. Deane, assistant adjutant general of The Infantry School at Fort Benning. But she's never too tired to spend her off-duty hours entertaining soldiers. Three or four nights a week she appears as a singer or actress on soldier shows in bivouac areas, the regional hospital, local radio stations or in recreation halls. Special service officers conservatively estimate that she has made 400 appearances at soldier shows during her two years at The Infantry School. Back home in Columbus, Ohio, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Riffle, live, she had her own program over WOSU every Saturday afternoon. She got her start as a singer when Frankie Masters, famous band leader, carried his "Search for Talent" into her home town. She sang with his orchestra at the RKO Palace and has been in popular demand as a singer ever since. Her brother, Cpl. Richard Riffle, is serving in Italy. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo)



V. FOR VICTORY—A natural victory sign frames attractive T-4 Lee Jamieson, of Station Complement WAC Detachment, Section 1, as she poses in the graceful summer off-duty uniform of the corps. Sergeant Jamieson reported at Fort Benning just a few weeks after the first company arrived here in early 1942. She was also one of the first WACs to be assigned to duty at the ASF Regional Hospital as a technician. In civilian life she had two years of nursing experience at the Middlesex General Hospital in New Brunswick, N. J., and in the WAC she has had Army hospital technician's training at the Army-Navy General Hospital in Warm Springs, Ark. Five of Sgt. Jamieson's brothers are also in service, representing the Easley, S. C. family in New Guinea, Hawaii, China, Italy, and Fort Belvoir (Va.) as well as Fort Benning. (Signal Lab Photo)

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17 WAC Officers Assigned To TIS Hold Vital Posts

Seventeen WAC officers are now assigned to The Infantry School, each one holding a vital position. The work in the Academic Regiment, the First, Second, and Third Student Training Regiment and at School Headquarters, and their duties extend from the auditing of morning reports to the coordination of training.

Officers personnel of the Women's Army Corps first came to The Infantry School in September of 1943, and although their reception was invariably courteous and generous, the attitude of the male personnel here was strictly one of "wait and see." The WACs were on the spot. Many were the old officers and soldiers who were curious about a woman's place in the Army.

Today, as the Women's Army Corps goes into its fourth year as part of the Army of the United States, these doubts and questionings have become a matter of history. The WAC, certainly as far as The Infantry School goes, has proved itself.

ONE OF FIRST
One of the first WAC officers to be assigned to the school was 1st Lt. Marjorie J. Walsh, Administrative Officer of the Small Arms Committee of the Weapons Section. Lieutenant Walsh arrived here on October 6, 1943, having previously been a company commander at Fort Devens, Mass., and a recruiting officer in New York City. There were two WAC officers who preceded her by a few days, but they are no longer in the school. Lieutenant Walsh, whose home is in Great Neck, N. Y., worked for Look Magazine before joining the Army.

Two other WAC officers who came to the school early in October, 1943, are 1st Lt. Miriam R. Waxberg and Ray Fenster, also in the Weapons Section. Lieutenant Waxberg is the holder of an A.E. and L.L.B. degree, and in her home state, New Jersey. She is the administrative officer of the machine-gun committee. Lieutenant Fenster, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the administrative officer in the mortar committee, and before coming into the Army was a private secretary in a manufacturing concern.

IN GENERAL SECTION
First Lt. Ruth A. Gilbert, General Section Secretary, is also one of the first WAC officers to be assigned to the school, having been here since early in October, 1943. Lieutenant Gilbert, who attended the University of Minnesota and Northwestern University, is an enthusiastic sports woman. She is fond of golf, swimming, fishing, and hunting, although recently she has found little opportunity for anything except golf, about which she is very enthusiastic. Lieutenant Gilbert also has a legal background, having studied law at Northwestern University, and worked in the legal department of the Edward Hines Lumber Company in Chicago.

Another WAC officer with legal experience who is in the initial group to complete the Infantry School is First Lieutenant Vivian M. Cocks, who is Assistant Personnel Officer in charge of records in the 1st STR. As a civilian, Lieutenant Cocks was chief stenographer for the American Investigation in New York City; the inquiry which exposed and delivered to justice the infamous Murder Incorporated. Lieutenant Cocks is widely traveled, having visited Europe on three occasions before the war, as well as numerous West Indian and Central American points. The WAC officer, whose home is in Flushing, N. Y., is anxious to get overseas to Europe to see the transformations which war and Nazi occupation have made in the peaceful Europe that she knew.

IN WEAPONS SECTION
First Lieutenant Dolores Bess McCarty came to the school late in October, 1943, after approximately eight months of recruiting in Arkansas. She is administrative officer in the Weapons Section, one of the sections of the

of officers. She is now assistant Operations Officer, in charge of getting out all the scheduled operations. Lieutenant Crutchfield, whose home is in Hamilton, Mont., received an M. A. degree from Columbia University and before enlisting in the Army was Dean of Girls in Gallatin County High School, Mont.

Assistant Coordinator of Training in The Infantry School is 1st Lt. Jewell E. Barron, of Atlanta, Ga., whose husband is a medical officer with the Fifth Army in Italy. Lieutenant Barron, who valiantly lists her occupations prior to enlistment as teacher, secretary, and housewife, makes a hobby of collecting owls. A member of Chi-Omega Sorority from the University of Missouri where she attended, Lieutenant Barron became interested in this hobby because the owl is the emblem of her sorority. She has over 200 owls of all kinds in her collection, and they are of every breed, size, and color. Some are book ends, and some are jewelry, and she even owns one large stuffed owl. The WAC officer says that her husband cooperates in her quest, which she has now suspended for the duration. Previous to her present position, Assistant Coordinator of Training, Lieutenant Barron was with the Weapons Section and the Communications Section.

NOW A CAPTAIN
Entering the WAC in July 1942, Capt. Margaret E. Riley, of Columbia, Miss., has been commissioned for more than two and one-half years. She has been a battalion adjutant at Ft. Des Moines, School Secretary at the WAC Training Center, Daytona Beach, Fla., and recently was Personnel Officer of the Academic Regiment. Her latest assignment is at School Headquarters, in Villavieja, Spain. She is the commanding officer of La Garde General Hospital, New Orleans, La.

Wife of a major serving in the European Theater of Operations, First Lt. Grace W. Tudor is personnel officer of the Academic Department. The Infantry School, in this position, which she has held since January 16, Lieutenant Tudor interviews all officers who have been returned from overseas and assigned to the school. A former student at Union College, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., where she majored in metallurgy, Lieutenant Tudor was employed in the research laboratories of General Electric before enlisting. She has also conducted radio programs on Station WGVY, Schenectady. She was commissioned at Fort Des Moines November 7, 1942, and prior to coming here was stationed at the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, N. C.

Also from the Anti-Aircraft School is First Lt. Edith M. MacIntyre, whose home town is Covington, Ky. The attractive WAC officer was adjutant of the Division of Training at the Academy of Artillery, and since coming here has been assistant adjutant of the 1st STR and 2nd STR. At present she is the assistant adjutant general of the Infantry School. She recently headed the Red Cross Drive at the school in its highly successful campaign.

Another WAC officer in the WAC in January 1943, and was commissioned at Fort Des Moines in April of the same year.

NEW GUNNERY
A new arrival among the WAC officers in the school is 1st Lt. Leonie C. Flynn who has been assigned to the 1st STR. She is a medical detachment at Fort Oglethorpe, and is now assistant personnel officer in the 1st STR. She enlisted in the WAC in August 1942, and was commissioned in December of the same year. Her home is in Berkeley, Calif.

First Lt. Marjorie Perrone, who studied law at San Francisco Law School and was an accountant in civil life, is also assistant personnel officer in the 1st STR. After being commissioned as a second lieutenant in the WAC, she served as stock control officer in the Ordnance and in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Carson, Colo. Lieutenant Perrone has a brother in the Army, stationed at Del Rio, Tex. He is a flight officer. The WAC officer is an enthusiastic skier, the steep slopes of the High Sierras holding no terrors for her. She was able to do a lot of skiing while at Camp Carson, but her skis are necessarily in moth balls for the duration of her stay here.

SOFTBALL PLAYER
Another newcomer to the WAC officer ranks at The Infantry School is attractive, petite 1st Lt. M. Helen Bromley who is now in the Weapons Section. Lieutenant Bromley, who is from Charleston, Ill., is enthusiastic about all sports, particularly softball. She played third base on a team that was east-central Illinois champion in 1940. Her brother is a B-17 pilot in the 8th Air Force.

At the school and awaiting assignment is 1st Lt. Gladys K. Schreck of Lexington, Ky. Lieutenant Schreck, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kentucky, has held various company officer jobs, including commander.

Commissioned two years ago, WAC Lieutenant Payne commanded



TAKING AIM—At Fort Benning several WAC officers and non-coms have also had to learn the expert use of small arms so that they might protect their own payrolls on the first of each month. Shown above on the range are: Capt. Jeannette Miller (left), first Women's Army Corps member to arrive at the post in early 1942, and 1st Sgt. Terry Chrupcala, topkick of Station Complement WAC Detachment, Section 1. (Signal Lab Photo)



RATION CLERK—Corp. Margaret L. Goodman is shown at work in the Rations Section at the Parachute School. (Official Parachute School Photo)



WILL USE ARMY TRAINING AFTER WAR—WAC Sgt. Virginia Ketchum learned postal work in the Army and likes it so much that she plans to take the examination to enter the Federal postal service after the war. As a member of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, which is composed of six companies of enlisted men and two detachments of WACs, she heads a staff of three regimental mail clerks, a truck driver and eight unit mail orderlies. Sgt. Ketchum enlisted in May 1943 and worked her way up to the rank of sergeant in her present position. Her father, Fred Ketchum, is a chief warrant officer with 28 years' service in the Navy. Her brother, Pfc. Fred H. Ketchum, is with a glider unit in the Southwest Pacific. Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.

ed a company at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and a medical detachment at Hoff general hospital, California, before her recent assignment at Des Moines.

DEBATING TEAM
In civilian life Lieutenant Payne was a junior speech clinician at Kent, O. State University, where she had earned bachelor's degrees in education and in pre-

Harmony Church WACs Commemorate Arrival At Benning Two Years Ago

The arrival here two years ago of the first women soldiers to serve at The Infantry School was commemorated recently when members of WAC Detachment One, Academic Regiment, held a gala "reminiscence party."

Their "reminiscing" took them back to that now historic night of April 10, 1943, when two platoons of women, just out of basic training, arrived from Fort Oglethorpe to take over brand-new barracks in the Harmony Church area ready for their "first assignments in the field."

Vivid among their memories of that night is the traditional "fellow soldier" welcome extended them by enlisted men of the School, who served a "midnight snack" of coffee and doughnuts to the new arrivals.

Activated as the 84th Women's Army Auxiliary Corps detachment, the WACs began a few days later to undertake clerical and administrative positions in the School's student training regime. The detachment was brought up to full strength in May with the arrival of the third platoon from Camp Polk, La., composed mainly of graduates of Army administration schools.

DROPPED "AUXILIARY"
Their full induction into the Army came in August, 1943, when the WACs dropped the "Auxiliary" from their titles and became the 84th Central Postal Directory. The School WACs were attached to the Academic Regiment, an old Army outfit with 38 years history with the School.

Complete acceptance of the WACs as soldiers by the Academic Regiment was expressed by the regimental newspaper which gave them their nickname of "WACademics." Their ability to uphold the high standards of the "most highly trained regiment in the Army" was proved as early as March, 1944, when the Harmony Church WAC detachment was commended by the regimental commander for "the superior rating given your mess, barracks and area by the Inspector General's department." Your detachment was given the highest rating in the Academic Regiment, which consisted of 12 units.

MANY NON-COMS
The WACs have also upheld the regiment's tradition as "a unique organization of non-commissioned officers." Many of them arrived here as privates, but by their second anniversary the overwhelming majority, now rated as corporals and sergeants, and to the long history of regimental athletics have been added an important part about the "WACademics" team which won the official Fort Benning-Columbus, Ga., women's basketball crown in 1945.

Members of the WACademics team were presented with letters of commendation at the party by Col. Brookner W. Brady, regimental commander and a veteran of the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. "I am pleased to commend you...on your willingness to spend unselfishly many hours of your off-duty time as a member of the WACademics team. Your display of excellent sportsmanship contributed much to the prestige of this command," the colonel's letter read.

The WACademics being invited to participate in the State and National WAC tournaments. More significant, members of the team, through their excellent, clean play, provided first class entertainment for the military personnel of several garrisons and the civilians of nearby communities.

MANY OVERSEAS
Full realization that they were now "veterans" came when the April 10, 1945 roll call was read again at the "reminiscence party." Only 60 of the original 140 women answered "here." As with most Army outfits, WAC Detachment One has sent its quota of trained soldiers to new assignments, both in the States and overseas. New posts have come in as replacements and like the veterans before them have carried on the important work of The Infantry School.

The present commanding officer of the detachment is First Lieutenant Jean W. Donaghy, wife of Maj. George E. Donaghy, Medical Corps, and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Horn of 175 Dartmouth street, Boston, Mass. First Sergeant is Sarah A. Renstrom, of 118 California avenue, Fayette City, Pa., former teacher on leave of absence from the Pittsburgh school system.

COURT SQUAD
Members of the detachment who played on the WACademics basketball squad were: First Sgt. Mary Brooks, 123 Jefferson place, Decatur, Ga.; and Technicians 4th Grade Ollie Hyatt, 240 E. Main street, Covington, La.; Ethel M. Drake, 431 S. Broad street, Trenton, N.J.; and Margaret Fischlin, 1663 Burgess road, Cleveland, O.

Technicians 5th Grade Ruby Preston, Battery Lane, Nashville, Tenn.; Mary Foster, Box 565, Detroit, Mich.; Olga Luna, Box 614, Barneston, Neb.; Bulah Hall, 4721 Brooklyn avenue, Detroit, Mich.; Virginia I. Curry, 318 N. Washington street, Lima, O.; Elizabeth Sidauskas, 23 Redfield street, New Haven, Conn.; Ora Durr, 128 W. Spring street, Monroe, La.; and Pfc. Agnes Coomas, Fairfield, Ky.

Paratroop Officer Killed In Training
Lt. Robert S. MacNabb, 22, of the Advanced Training Division of The Parachute School at Fort Benning was injured fatally last Friday afternoon in a training problem at the post. It was disclosed that the fatal fall occurred at the school, Lieutenant MacNabb was the son of Clifton E. MacNabb of 56 Courter avenue, Maplewood, New Jersey.

Former Chicago Business Woman Serves In WAC

"It seems to me that I've done more than my share, since I've joined the Women's Army Corps than I did in my whole life before the war," says Corporal Viola Elgen, former Chicago business woman, now a member of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School.

"We can actually see the progress of our work and its importance to the Army," explains Elgen, who is company clerk of the Fifth Company, Third Student Training Regiment. "When each new class of officers arrives, we check their records, and while they're in training we compile a detailed confidential report on each candidate's progress. When a set of records is finally completed and sent out, it means another group of officers has been graduated, ready for duty in the field. It's very exciting and very gratifying."

NEW EXPERIENCE
And it's a completely new experience for Cpl. Elgen, who is exactly what she wanted when she enlisted.

"Many women look forward to doing in the Army the same type of work they did in civilian life. But when I enlisted I hoped I'd be assigned to something different. I enjoyed managing my own business in Chicago, but I also enjoy an occasional change of scenery and job. Then, I have my brothers or sisters to represent my family in the armed forces, so everything pointed to just one conclusion. When I passed the physical examination, I sold my business and gave up my career for the duration."

After Daytona training center was inactivated Sergeant Renstrom served as a first sergeant with anti-aircraft artillery units in California and Texas, and last March was transferred to Fort Benning to assume the first sergeant of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School. In her present assignment she is the enlisted leader of approximately 160 women who hold important positions in the school's student training regiments.

Sergeant Renstrom, whose home address is Fayette City, Pa., plans to return to teaching after the war.

Lawson Presents Posthumous Award
The posthumous award of the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters to 1st Lt. Roy H. Pinkard, was presented at Lawson Field Friday afternoon by the school's commander, Col. John E. Albert, Lawson Field commander.

The posthumous honors for Lt. Pinkard, formerly a bombardier on a B-25 Billy Mitchell medium bomber, were for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in attacks on railroad bridges, fuel dumps and enemy communications in Italy in 1944."

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Lt. Alice O. Payne, recently WAC recreation officer at Fort Des Moines, Ia., has been transferred to The Infantry School, assigned to WAC Detachment One, Academic Regiment. She is the wife of Captain W. L. Payne, A. Payne of Cleveland, O., who has earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters while fighting in Africa and Italy.

Commissioned two years ago, WAC Lieutenant Payne commanded

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WACademics Contribute To Regiment's History

One of the most important chapters in the long and colorful history of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, has been written by two detachments of the Women's Army Corps.

During the 19 months that they have been part of the regiment, they have faithfully upheld and in some cases improved the high military standards maintained for 35 years by the regiment and its parent unit, the Infantry School Detachment. At the same time the regiment has gained official recognition for its pioneering policy of bringing the WAC detachments completely into the administrative setup of the command.

NAMED WACADEMICS

The Infantry School Wacs became part of the Academic Regiment in October 1943. Almost immediately their complete acceptance as soldiers was symbolized by the enlisted men who gave them the nickname of "WACademics."

In a short time almost every section of the Infantry School was partly staffed by enlisted women who worked side by side with enlisted men. Because of civilian experience or their Army training, many Wacs were able to take over certain jobs immediately; others served a short period as understudies. At first they assumed mainly clerical positions. In a few weeks many were assigned to such jobs as proofreading, binding, drafting and chauffeuring.

For two months the entire WAC setup was regarded as an experiment.

Then, in January 1944, the regiment's WAC policy was pronounced a complete success by three high WAC officials who made a thorough inspection of the detachments.

NEW VIEWPOINTS

"We have gained many new administrative viewpoints during our visit here," Maj. (now Lt. Col.) Emily C. Davis, WAC staff director, announced. Most important of these were the regiment's system of including its WAC units in its company setup, and its use of WAC personnel for "actual necessary military assignments."

WAC recruiting, in the opinion of Lt. Col. Davis, would greatly benefit from the proof that "WAC abilities are not confined to desk work." The Wacs were also reported by Maj. Margaret D. Craighill, of the Medical Corps. These developments were of tremendous importance, according to Maj. Jean E. Melin, then WAC staff director of the Replacement and School Command, "because of the great number of women stationed here."

IMPORTANT JOBS

Each inspection since then has found the Wacs more and more indispensable to the smooth functioning of the School. Many sections are now staffed completely by women; some sections composed of both men and women are headed by Wacs as enlisted chiefs.

Sgt. Virginia Ketchum, for example, heads the regimental post office.

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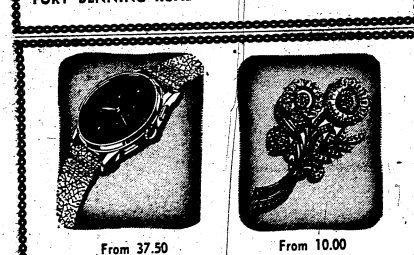
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"We, the People" Show Will Be Aired From "Bama Area Sunday

Mr. Jack Miles, writer and producer of "We, the People," has announced that the popular CBS program will be broadcast this Sunday night from Normandy Field in the Alabama Training Area of Fort Benning. The program will be heard locally over WRBL from 10:30 to 11:00 p. m. (EWT). It will mark the first attempt to broadcast a night parachute jump and also the first attempt to equip the jumper with a throat mike so that he can describe his sensations while descending.

MRS. EDISON FIRES GUN

Seventy-nine-year-old, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, widow of the late inventor, made a day-long visit to the Army Ground Force at Fort Benning. She fired three rounds from a cal. 50 on the moving target jeep range No. 1. Mrs. Edison missed the target but she said that just handling a live gun was a tremendous thrill to her.

office; Sgt. Lois Clark is in charge of the headquarters file room. In many fields the Wacs have frequently surpassed their fellow enlisted men. Sgt. Colette S. Conroy set what is considered an all-time Army record last September when she typed a 107-page payroll in 13 hours. In March, 1944, the Harmony church detachment was commended for "the superior rating given their mess, barracks and area" by the Inspector General's Department. "Your detachment was given the highest rating in the Academic Regiment," the commander wrote.

MANY GO OVERSEAS

In the meantime the Wacs have been keenly aware of the war on the figures kept by Peter. One of them, Pvt. Genevieve Conner, wrote later from England that "anyone who can come overseas and doesn't miss it is crazy!" S-Sgt. Dorothy Saxton, former secretary to Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commander of the Infantry School, is now serving in a part of Italy which General Walker helped liberate while commanding the 36th Division.

Many WACademics, like Sgt. Zelma Dobkin, are the only members of their families to serve. But most of them are the sisters, wives or even mothers of servicemen. Sgt. Alberta Barkes, for example, has a son in the Navy. She enlisted on his 21st birthday. Cpl. Alice Patterson, who buys bonds for her grandchild, has a son serving in the Merchant Marine.

HUSBAND KILLED

As wives and sisters many of the Wacs have made the supreme sacrifice. Cpl. Elsie Eklof, for example, was awarded the Purple Heart in 1943 after her husband was killed in action. Dorothy Rubbert's brother died while serving with the combat military police in France.

With several outstanding athletes in their ranks, the Wacs have had little trouble organizing their own athletic programs, particularly in softball, bowling and basketball. Sgt. Margie Fischlin, 1937 all-American basketball player, was organized in November, 1944, a "WACademic" court squad which became recognized as one of the best women's teams in Georgia and received invitations to play in the Southeastern and National AAU tournaments.

TALENTED ENTERTAINERS

The detachments have also given generously of talent for special service shows at Benning. S-Sgt. Alta Riffe, popular singer, and Cpl. Suzanne Makua, dancer before her enlistment, have performed in hundreds of soldier shows.

The Wacs have also written and produced for radio shows over Columbus stations. When invited to speak on one of these programs in April, 1944, the regimental commander said the air that "today we conceive of the Academic Regiment not as seven companies of soldiers and two detachments of Wacs, but as nine units of the finest soldiers in the world. . . I share with others a justifiable pride in the Women's Army Corps."

The present commanding officer of the Academic Regiment is Col. Brooke W. Brady. Lt. Jean W. Donaghy commands WAC Detachment One; Lt. Bernice Marshall, WAC Detachment Two.



LAB TECHNICIAN—Pvt. Margaret Andrews of WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section II, is staining tissues in the histology laboratory for the cantonment area of the Station Hospital, Fort Benning. Her home is at 1748 Wolf Avenue, North Braddock, Pa.—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Enemy—

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ing HE shells inflicted many more casualties. Whenever they reorganized and crept forward again, WP shells at set the whole field and kept alternating with HEs. They were caught in a miserable situation, they had no choice except to "retreat."

ENEMY "MISERABLE"

How really "miserable" the enemy must have been is evident from the figures kept by Peter. One of them, Pvt. Genevieve Conner, wrote later from England that "anyone who can come overseas and doesn't miss it is crazy!" S-Sgt. Dorothy Saxton, former secretary to Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commander of the Infantry School, is now serving in a part of Italy which General Walker helped liberate while commanding the 36th Division.

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5,000-pound load of food.

A few minutes later his navigator in the astro-dome spotted another Zero at 6 o'clock. "He was just about the time we reached the cliff. I pulled up the whole incline to the cliff; the Jap dove, we dropped over. Into the valley the Jap leveled off and started up the same incline, but did not clear it. The Zero hit the crest of the ridge and completely disappeared as he blew up in a burst of smoke and flame."

Negro—

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able all the best talent for the entertainment of mothers at the Friday night program. The famed Reception Center chorus will be on hand, and other specialty numbers will be presented, including solos, electric guitar renditions, and comedy skits. Pfc. Dion Muse, the son of the renowned Clarence Muse of stage and screen fame, will serve as master of ceremonies.

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active duty in the WAC in January, 1943 and was commissioned May, 1943. She brought as her contribution to the Corps her experience in industrial engineering in which she had majored at the University of Southern California.

THREE OTHERS

Three other officers are assigned as Station Complement WACs. They are First Lt. Jessie L. Gaines; First Lt. Kathleen V. Hawes, and Second Lt. Jean Rendlen.

Lieutenant Gaines is in charge of civilian dormitories at Fort Benning and was one of the volunteers for the former WAAC. She was commissioned June 30, 1943 at Fort Des Moines and was assigned to Fort Benning in August. She served as assistant chief of civilian personnel placement for a month before being named as assistant billing officer in charge of civilian dormitories.

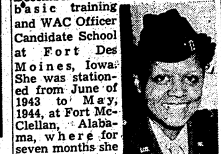
Lieutenant Hawes, from Washington, D. C., was for 18 months in the Quartermaster Office in the purchasing and contracting branch. On March 26 she was assigned as assistant chief of information and education at Post Headquarters.

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her work a wide experience in communications in the War Department at Washington, D. C., experience which has come to her aid in directing orientation and her many varied activities at Fort Benning.

Lieutenant Rendlen was commissioned at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., in October, 1944, and assigned as Assistant Public Relations officer of Fort Benning where she has remained. Prior to entrance into the service she was a magazine editor and writer.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Second Lieutenant Patricia S. Gunter, executive officer of WAC Detachment Section II, has been with the organization since its activation in September of 1943. In addition to her principal duty as executive officer, she is also plans and training officer, information and education officer and mess and supply officer.

Lieutenant Gunter, whose home is Nashville, Tennessee, holds the A. B. degree from Fisk University and the D. H. degree from Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, for two and a half years she worked as a Dental Hygienist. She worked for one year at the Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, as instructor of physical education.

TAKE COURSE

She completed basic training, WAC Administration School and WAC Officer Candidate School at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She is scheduled to leave next week for the School for Personnel Services, Lexington, Virginia, for the Athletic and Recreation Course.

She is an active sports participant, played basketball during her four years in Fisk and has played every championship tennis tournament. She is affectionately called "My uncle was wrecked on a desert island with 25 beautiful girls and when they found him he was nearly dead."

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Fort Benning in 1943, the six priests have been saying morning Mass daily at the various Catholic chapels all over the reservation. In the afternoons the missionaries have been available in the chapels for consultation and in the evenings the mission fathers conducted their devotions.

Arriving in Columbus Saturday afternoon the Mission Fathers were taken immediately to the Ninth Street USO where a luncheon was given by the National Catholic Service Council. Brig. Gen. Wm. H. Hobson, the post commander, greeted the six priests and in a short address welcomed them to Fort Benning.

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with me that this is no time to hesitate in our work. With two down and one to go we are not through. So we return to our work with a feeling of thankfulness for what has been accomplished and a higher courage and will carry on to our final objective."

The services in Doughboy Stadium on the Main Post, broadcast locally over both WDAK and WRBL, were opened by the peeling of the bells in the Main Post chapel. The Reception Center chorus sang two selections, "Kipling's Recessional" and "God of Our Fathers." The band from Unit No. 2 of the ASF Regional Hospital under the direction of Sgt. Jack Corvin furnished music for the program.

HOBSON SPEAKS

Speaking to the soldiers and civilians, General Hobson observed "As we gather in reverent thanksgiving for a measure of success, men still die for freedom thousands of miles from our shores." He urged that everyone work harder in the months ahead so that the war against Japan will be prosecuted with increasing intensity.

Gen. Hobson said that the soldiers and civilians at the Post

would "work until Japan surrenders; work to build a world wide peace; work to protect the peace we have established."

At the service, Chaplain Matthew Connelly, acting Catholic chaplain, rendered the invocation and Lord's prayer while Chap. Chester Mulder, of Second Army troops read the scripture. Chaplain Samuel Lewis, of the Reception Center gave the benediction.

The assistant Post Chaplain, Capt. Frederick W. Heller spoke following Gen. Hobson. He urged all to continue united and work unabated that the war with Japan shall soon be victorious.

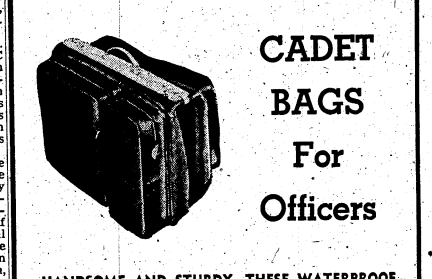
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